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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE

A. FROM THE LARGE...

EMBASSY BONN REPORTS THE FRG CABINET MEETS TODAY TO DISCUSS  
THE SITUATION IN ZAIRE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING  
HUMANITARIAN AID. ACCORDING TO A HIGH-RANKING FOREIGN  
OFFICE OFFICIAL, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WILL PROPOSE:

--GRANTS OF UP TO DM 5 MILLION WORTH OF FOOD AND MEDI-  
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--THE MAINTENANCE OF FRG EXPORT GUARANTEES TO ZAIRE;  
AND

--THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS TRAVELLING TO ZAIRE, PROB-  
ABLY IN MID-MAY, TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
FRG/ZAIRE MIXED ECONOMIC COMMISSION.

B. ...AND THE SMALL

EMBASSY BANGUI REPORTS THAT EMPEROR BOKASSA MADE A RADIO STATEMENT ON APRIL 12 IN WHICH HE:

--DENOUNCED THE AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAIRE;

--PLEDGED HIS FULL, BUT UNSPECIFIED, SUPPORT TO THE KINSHASA REGIME; AND

--SALUTED THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE AIDED ZAIRE.

BOKASSA ALSO CRITICIZED THE NON-AFRICAN "REVOLUTIONARY COUNTRIES" WHICH SUPPORTED THE AGGRESSION, BUT DID NOT NAME THEM. NOR DID HE INCLUDE THE US IN HIS LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE GIVEN "EFFECTIVE SUPPORT" TO ZAIRE.

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## 2. F-16 AGONIES IN DENMARK

RECENT DANISH PRESS CRITICISM OF THE F-16, FUELED BY THE GAO REPORT ON THE AIRCRAFT'S RISING COST, HAS COMPLICATED AND LENGTHENED THE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES REQUIRED BEFORE THE DANES CAN SIGN THE LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE (LOA) COMPLETING THE SALE. AS A RESULT, DANISH DEFENSE MINISTER MOLLER HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR DEAN THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE ALL THE DELIBERATIONS BEFORE THE MAY 2 DEADLINE. MOLLER EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, THAT THE REMAINING OBSTACLES WILL BE OVERCOME, AND THAT THE LOA WILL BE SIGNED IN AN ADDITIONAL WEEK'S TIME.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH MOLLER'S ASSESSMENT. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN BEFORE MAY 2 AND MAY BE RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT A DANISH REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION. IF SUCH A REQUEST IS MADE, WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND US CONCURRENCE IN ORDER TO HELP THE DANES CLEAR THEIR PARLIAMENTARY HURDLES. (CONFIDENTIAL) COPENHAGEN 2140, 2141 AND 2142, 4/13.)

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